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TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I USED THE INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVED THAT THE OPPOSITION LEADERS WERE BECOMING DEMORALIZED BY THE RUMOR OF A POSSIBLE DEAL BETWEEN CHILE AND THE UNITED STATES AS A PEG WITH [REDACTED] TO URGE APPROVAL OF OUR PENDING PROPOSAL TO [REDACTED] AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I SAID I WAS CONCERNED THAT THIS FEELING WITHIN THE OPPOSITION COULD GROW IF THERE WERE AN INORDINATE DELAY BY [REDACTED] IN APPROVING THE PROPOSAL. [REDACTED] SAID HE COULDN'T AGREE MORE AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE SUBJECT WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

2. UPON HIS RETURN [REDACTED] SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED [REDACTED] PROPOSAL WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND WHILE HE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY PROMISES TO COS, HE FELT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO CONVINCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF NEED FOR PROGRAM. [REDACTED] VOLUNTEERED

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INFORMATION THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALLOWED [REDACTED] PROPOSAL TO BE FORWARDED WITH INDICATION THAT HE HAD SEEN PROPOSAL BUT WITHOUT HIS SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF IT. WHILE CONTINUING TO EXPRESS CAUTION AGAINST OVER OPTIMISM,

[REDACTED] SAID HE FELT ASSISTANT SECRETARY PROBABLY WOULD NOW SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL.

3. [REDACTED]

4. [REDACTED]

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